

Letter/number or Number/letter abbreviations

Rule VI §37. Use of the Punctuation Indicator: Subject to the provisions of **§38**, the punctuation indicator must be used *before* a punctuation mark and *after* any symbol of the type listed below. In all these circumstances, the mode of punctuation is considered to be mathematical.

- viii.** After a sequence of more than one letter in which each letter has a separate identity, provided that such a sequence is not an abbreviation.

- ix.** After an abbreviation made up of a combination of unspaced letters and numbers.
The car was equipped with 4WD.

(Renumber the subdivisions from ix on.)

Rule VIII §50. Capitalization with Abbreviations:

- a) In an abbreviation, whenever letters are capitalized in ink print, a single letter must be preceded by the single capitalization indicator, and a sequence of more than one letter must be preceded by the double capitalization indicator.
- b) In an abbreviation which consists of a combination of unspaced numbers and letters, each letter of the abbreviation must be preceded by the single capitalization indicator.

MP3 player

QE2

Standard 4NS2    

(NS means Number Sense)

Rule VIII --§52 Punctuation with Abbreviations:

- a) Abbreviations must be punctuated in the literary mode, provided that the punctuation is at the same level as that abbreviation.
- b) An abbreviation consisting of a combination of unspaced numbers and letters must be punctuated mathematically.

The 4GL was followed by efforts to define a 5GL. (*Fourth/fifth generation language*)

Most sales and marketing people work in B2B. (*business to business*)

The figure displays a sequence of 12 diagrams, each showing a pattern of black dots on a grid. The diagrams are arranged in two rows of six. The top row shows the initial pattern and its first five iterations. The bottom row shows the next five iterations. The pattern consists of a central cluster of dots that grows and changes shape over time, with some dots appearing to move or be added/removed.

She has a great job at 3M!